programmes and participation in food fair etc.

(c) As per present indications, the exports of chillies and turmeric during 1985-86 are expected to be lower than the preceding years. No specific figure can be indicated at this stage for exports anticipated during 1985-86.

(a) A Statement indicating exports during the last three year is annexed.

Statement

	Quantity Metric Tonnes	Value '000 Rs.
Chillies		
1982-83	12888·46	12,35,43·91
1983-84	10610·45	8,78,26·80
1984-85	8150·66	9,66,57·00
Turmeric		
1982-83	7594·76	4,23,54·25
1983-84	10891·88	11,05,50·06
1984-85	12922·87	17,15,70·11

Financial irregularities by certain parties in Assam and Gujarat

2876. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received on the 27th September, 1985 a copy of the detailed information in writing addressed to Member (Investigation), Central Board of Direct Taxes under his Ministry supported by 3 photo copies of relevant documents about substantial tax evasion, benami bank accounts and serious irregularities involving huge amounts by certain parties at Dibrugarh (Assam) in active collusion with certain parties at Tinsukia (Assam) and Ahmedabad (Gujarat);

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken in the matter; and

(c) if no action has yet been taken, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) (a) No such communication appears to have been received in the office of the Finance Minister on 27-9-1985.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise.

News-item "Kudermukh Authorities 'Hush-Up' A Murder case'

2877. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Kudremukh authorities 'hush up' a murder case" which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* dated the 4th October, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details of the case;

(c) whether the culprits have been rounded up and the case has been registered; and

(d) whether any compensation has been paid to the widow of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Late Shri S. Narayanan, the Chief Vigilance Officer of Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited, visited Kudremukh on 22-7-1985 on official business and stayed at the Company's Guest House. On the morning

of 23-7-1985 his body was found hanging in the room from the ceiling hook provided for suspending the fan. The Police authorities were immediately informed of the incident and were requested to make detailed investigations in the matter. A case of murder has been registered with the Kudremukh Police Station. Police investigations are in progress. It is understood that no arrests have yet been made.

(d) The widow of late Shri Narayanan has been given all necessary help. All dues have been paid to her and she has been provided with a job in the Corporate office of the Company at Bangalore. A claim has also been lodged with the Insurance Company for payment under the Group Personal Accident Insurance Scheme for Executives. The matter is being pursued with the Insurance Company for early settlement of the claim.

2878. [*Transferred to the 18th December*, 1985.]

Search for Limestone deposits

2879. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Council for Cement and Building has recently warned that the raw material resource of the cement Industry will soon be depleted if search for limestone deposits is not intensified and more reserves tapped from the "measured" category; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to undertake search for limestone deposits in the country in general and particularly in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the table of House.

Vijay Spinning Mills near Vijaywada

2880. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the ill treatment meted out to famale workers in the Vijay Spinning Mills near Vijaywada; and

(b) if so, what steps Government has taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) and (b) The matter was taken up with the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the State Government intimated that the State Minister for Labour and State Labour Commissioner convened meetings to sort out the grievances of women workers and an agreement was arrived at on 18-7-85 between the parties. The State Government has also stated that specific cases of harassment of women workers will be looked in to by them.

Closed Mills

2881. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) how many industrial units and mills were closed down during the last three years;

(b) how many workers were affected by these closures and how many mandays were lost; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to get these units reopened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIH): (a) and (b) According to information received in the Labour Bureau, a statement showing number of closures and number of workers affected during the years 1983 to 1985 (January-September) is attached (*See below*). There can be no loss of mandays due to closures.

(c) Both the Central and State Governments have been taking steps to get closed indusarial units reopened through appropriate rehabilitation packages which include concessions, reliefs and finaticial assistance on soft terms and resolution of disputes, if any through conciliation, ad-